

**Table 11a. Standard errors on most important reason for doctoral scientists and engineers to be working outside field of doctoral degree: 1997**

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Most important reason	All fields
Total working outside doctoral degree field (number).....	932.5
	Percent
Pay/promotion opportunities.....	0.9
Working conditions.....	0.6
Job location.....	0.5
Change in career or professional interest.....	1.2
Family-related reasons.....	0.5
Job in doctoral field not available.....	1.0
Other reason.....	0.8

**NOTES:** Standard errors are rounded to the nearest tenth. Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a science and engineering research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1997.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, 1997 Survey of Doctorate Recipients.